

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 03770 031105Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 INR-07 INRE-00 IO-14

PRS-01 PA-02 SSM-05 /055 W

-----060102 031110Z /16

O R 030840Z AUG 77

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4776

AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

USLO RIYADH

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

UNCLAS BEIRUT 3770

USIAC

USIA FOR IOP/M

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORTING -- VANCE TRIP

REF: USIA 20833

1. SECRETARY VANCE'S FIRST STOP IN EGYPT DOMINATED ALL FRONT-PAGES. MOST DAILIES HIGHLIGHTED SADAT'S PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP WORKING GROUP OF ARAB AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR GENEVA TALKS. MOST PAPERS ALSO TOOK NOTE OF SADAT'S STATEMENT ON LEBANESE PARTICIPATION IN MIDEAST PEACE TALKS.

2. LEADING ARABIC DAILY AN NAHR AND ITS FRENCH-LANGUAGE SISTER L'ORIENT-LE JOUR HIGHLIGHTED "FOUR MAJOR POINTS" TO BE RAISED IN VANCE-GOL TALKS IN BEIRUT: "LEBANON'S PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE; SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON IN LIGHT OF CARTER-BEGIN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 03770 031105Z

TALKS LAST MONTH IN WASHINGTON; INCREASE OF NUMBER OF UN OBSERVERS ALONG LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDERS AND PALESTINIANS' POSITION REGARDING MIDEAST SETTLEMENT IN LIGHT OF SARKIS-ARAFAT RECENT TALKS IN BEIRUT.

3. AL ANWAR ECHOED SIMILAR POINTS, WITH MAIN FOCUS ON FACT THAT LEBANON WILL ASK MORE CLARIFICATION ABOUT U.S. GUARANTEES FOR SOUTHERN BORDERS IN LIGHT OF AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT SHTAURA

MEETINGS BETWEEN LEBANESE, SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS.

4. PRO-LIBYA AS SAFIR WAS ONLY PAPER TO REFLECT NEGATIVE REACTION:

"VANCE'S MISSION FAILED TO CONVINCE GENEVA CONFERENCE" PAPER BANNERLINED. IN ANOTHER FRONTPAGE HEADLINE, SAME LEFTIST DAILY HIGHLIGHTED: "SARKIS CONVEYS TO VANCE REFUSAL OF UN FORCES AND INSISTS ON DISPATCHING LEBANESE FORCES TO SOUTH LEBANON."

5. EDITORIALY, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY IKE UNDERLINED LEBANON'S NEEDS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE: "IN THE FEW HOURS MR. CYRUS VANCE HAS CONSENTED TO BESTOW ON LEBANON, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE SHOWN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SECTERIAN, SOCIAL AND MILITARY DRAGONS THE LEBANESE WAR HAS RELEASED. IF MR. VANCE LOOKS BEYOND ECONOMIC WASTELAND AND WHITE KNUCKLES OF POLITICAL TENSION, HE WILL SEE NEW FEAR STIRRING IN THE DARK CORNERS OF THIS LITTLE COUNTRY. THE MIDDLE EAST'S TRADITIONAL 'OASIS OF FREEDOM', HE WILL NOTICE, US DEVELOPING AN ALLERGY TO FREEDOM." WHAT LEBANON NEEDS MOST, PAPER CONCLUDED, "IS NOT ONLY ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. BUT MOSTLY U.S. SUPPORT FOR ITS WAVERING FORCES OF FREEDOM."

6. FRENCH-LANGUAGE L'ORIENT-LE JOUR WONDERED WHETHER SECRETARY VANCE IS PART OF CONSPIRACY OR GOOD-WILL MEDIATOR: "DOES MR. VANCE BRING WITH HIM OTHER PLANS THAN STATIONING OF UN FORCES ALONG LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDERS AND PREPARATION FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE? UN FORCES MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BEIRUT 03770 031105Z

AS POLITICAL BORDERS AND SECURE BORDER. FOR US SUCH DISTINCTION MEANS A LOT. IT MEANS LOSS OF BLOOD AND 15 KILOMETERS OF OUR LAND."

7. AN NAHAR'S COLUMNIST MICHEL ABU JAOUDE VOICED HOPE THAT LEBANESE-AMERICAN TALKS WILL YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS: "MINI-GENEVA SUMMIT TO BE HELD TODAY IN BEIRUT MIGHT BE FRUITFUL, AND MUST BE FRUITFUL AT LEAST AT PRESENT STAGE. U.S. MEANS EVERY WORK IT SAYS ABOUT SUPPORT OF LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IT WAS THE ONLY STATE TO MATCH WORDS WITH DEEDS."

8. PRO-LIBYA AS SAFIR EDITORIALIZED: "VANCE BORROWED ISRAELI SUGGESTIONS TO USE IN HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, AND BY DOING SO HE SCATTERED MORE THORNS ALONG ROAD TO GENEVA AND EVEN ALONG ANY ROAD TOWARD MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. THIS WOULD LEAD TO FRIGHTFUL STAGNATION AND TO STATE OF NO-WAR, NO-PEACE." PARKER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MINISTERIAL VISITS, PEACE PLANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 03-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BEIRUT03770
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770277-1258
Format: TEL
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197708103/aaaadjrn.tel
Line Count: 111
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 059a144f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1410506
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEDIA REACTION REPORTING -- VANCE TRIP
TAGS: OVIP, SOPN, MPOL, LE, (VANCE, CYRUS R)
To: USIA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/059a144f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009